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FOLLOWING IS TEXT (AS OF JUNE 7) OF DRAFT LETTER FROM
ILO DG BLANCHARD TO PRESIDENT OF ILO CONFERENCE (SEE
SEPTTEL DISCUSSING ISSUES INVOLVED).

BEGIN TEXT.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

AS IN PAST YEARS, PART II OF MY REPORT TO THE CONFERENCE IS
DEVOTED TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ILO DURING THE PRECEDING YEAR.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH A DECISION TAKEN BY THE CONFERENCE AND THE
GOVERNING BODY IN 1962, THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S REPORT TO THE
CONFERENCE ALSO INCLUDES A REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS
ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE OVER THE PREVIOUS FIVE YEARS. THE SECOND
CHAPTER OF PART II OF MY REPORT PROVIDES THIS INFORMATION.

TO FACILITATE THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE, I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE
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USEFUL FOR ME TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING CLARIFICATIONS:

FIRST, I CONFIRM THAT I WILL AGAIN SUBMIT, BOTH IN 1978 AND IN
1979, IN ACCORDANCE WITH MY OBLIGATION, A REPORT ON THE STEPS
TAKEN TO GIVE EFFECT TO ALL RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED IN THE PRECEDING
FIVE YEARS.

SECOND, PART II OF MY REPORT THIS YEAR CONTAINS A FULL AND EXHAUSTIVE ACCOUNT OF ALL THE DEVELOPMENTS WHICH HAVE OCCURED SINCE THE ADOPTION IN 1974 OF THE RESOLUTION CONCERNING "THE POLICY OF DISCRIMINATION, RACISM AND VIOLATION OF TRADE UNION FREEDOMS AND RIGHTS PRACTISED BY THE ISRAELI AUTHORITIES IN PALESTINE AND IN THE OTHER OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES". IN ADDITION, IT REPRODUCES IN EXTENSO THE DETAILED DOCUMENT WHICH I HAD SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNING BODY IN MARCH 1976 ON THE STUDY ON THE SITUATION OF WORKERS OF THE TERRITORIES OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL. IT ALSO RECORDS THE DECISION TAKEN BY THE GOVERNING BODY IN MARCH 1977, A DECISION WHICH AROSE FROM MY RECOMMENDATION THAT THE GOVERNING BODY TAKE NOTE OF THE INABILITY OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL TO PROCEED FURTHER IN THE MATTER, WITHOUT RECOURSE TO EXISTING ILO PROCEDURES.

THIRD, WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF ILO PROCEDURES CONCERNING THE APPLICATION OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO WORK AND FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION, THE CONFERENCE NOW HAS BEFORE IT, THROUGH ITS COMMITTEE ON THE APPLICATION OF CONVENTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS (REPORT III, PART 4(A)). THIS REPORT CONTAINS ON PAGE 230 OF THE ENGLISH TEXT, COMMENTS ON THE APPLICATION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL OF CONVENTION 111 ON DISCRIMINATION, WHICH ISRAEL HAS RATIFIED.

THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS HAS REQUESTED THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL TO FURNISH SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION COVERING A WHOLE RANGE OF QUESTIONS RELATING TO CONDITIONS OF WORK. THESE QUESTIONS WERE ALSO RAISED IN MY REPORT TO THE GOVERNING BODY IN MARCH 1976 ON THE CONDITION OF WORKERS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL HAS NOW SENT A COMMUNICATION WHICH I WILL

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BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE APPLICATION OF CONVENTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

FOURTH, WITHOUT WISHING IN ANY WAY TO PREJUDGE THE CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON THE APPLICATION OF CONVENTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS RELATIVE TO THIS SUBJECT, I WILL, AS IS THE DUTY OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL, SCRUPULOUSLY ASSIST IN IMPLEMENTING ANY CONCLUSIONS WHICH THAT COMMITTEE AND THE CONFERENCE MIGHT ARRIVE AT IN THIS MATTER. IN THAT CONNECTION, I SHALL UTILISE ALL AVAILABLE METHODS INCLUDING A PROPOSED VISIT TO ISRAEL, TO HELP ENSURE THAT THE CONDITION OF THE WORKERS CONCERNED - WHICH IS OUR PRIMARY CONCERN - IS IN KEEPING WITH THE PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ILO.

I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD KINDLY BRING THE CONTENTS OF THIS LETTER TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CONFERENCE.

YOURS FAITHFULLY,

FRANCIS BLANCHARD

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